



**Eddie A. Perez**  
**Mayor**

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: GETTING INVOLVED IN HARTFORD**

**---NEWS ADVISORY FOR FEBRUARY 14---**

**12:00---** Mayor Eddie A. Perez welcomes “Hands On Hartford” and Harvard Professor and author Robert Putnam in a discussion on civic engagement. Mayor Perez will highlight the city’s Volunteers of Faith network and its faith based community efforts to bring people and organizations together for a common goal: investing in our children. “Hands On Hartford” (formerly Center City Churches) brings people together to strengthen and transform communities through meaningful community engagement and social service programs. It unites volunteers from organizations, companies, and congregations. The luncheon is at the Bond Hotel, 338 Asylum Avenue in Downtown Hartford.

**For more information on the event**, please contact Kathy Cooley at “Hands On Hartford” at (860) 728-3201 or [kcooley@handsonhartford.org](mailto:kcooley@handsonhartford.org).

**For more information on the Mayor’s role**, please contact Sarah Barr at (860) 550-3174 (cell).

**Mayor Perez will then be flying to Chicago to address the United States Hispanic Leadership 26<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference. He will be on a panel with the Reverend Jesse Jackson called “Framing the Next Level of Black and Latino Coalition Building.”** The conference is being held at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, 301 E. North Water Street.